



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2005-07-0345

November 15, 2006

CONTRACTOR GIFTS

Inspector General David O. Thomas reports as follows:

This case involved a violation of the Gift Rule (currently the Donor Restriction Rule) by an entity when it could be reasonably inferred that the entity was attempting to influence an action by a state official.

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigation showed that the respondent was an entity seeking contracts with the Department of Administration (DOA). In that pursuit, the respondent sent unsolicited gifts to the DOA, including a Sears gift card, a Pacers cap and a ham.

The OIG asserts jurisdiction over this case under IC 4-2-7-3 where the OIG is responsible for investigating and the filing of ethics complaints.

The OIG filed a complaint against the respondent on January 26, 2006.

Respondent signed a settlement agreement with the Indiana State Ethics Commission on March 1, 2006, admitting to a violation of the Gifts Rule under 40 IAC 2-1-6 (currently 42 IAC 1-5-2).

The Indiana Ethics Commission accepted and adopted the agreement on May 11, 2006, fining respondent \$300 for this violation.

Payment in full was received from respondent on June 20, 2006.

Dated this 15th day of November, 2006.



David O. Thomas, Inspector General